



WATERFOWL HUNT LOTTERY

To hunt legally at Cape Hatteras National Seashore you must have on your person a valid North Carolina hunting license with North Carolina waterfowl privilege, a HIP certifications, and a Federal Duck Stamp. Learn the silhouettes, flight patterns and winter plumage of the waterfowl you may legally hunt. Your familiarity with game and non-game species will contribute to waterfowl conservation programs and help insure a successful hunt.

CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellations must be made by telephone [(252) 475-9012] no later than twelve (12) hours prior to the reserved mornings drawing.
- Failure to cancel reservations will result in termination of your remaining reservations.
- Telephone reservations will not be taken for openings resulting from cancellations. Openings resulting from canceled reservations will be assigned by drawing on a first-come, first-served basis to walk-in hunters on the morning of the hunt. Cancelled reservations are not transferable.

WHERE TO HUNT

Bodie Island

- As the NPS maintained blinds are no longer available for the hunt, all hunters should bring man-made materials for constructing temporary blinds each hunt day. All temporary blind material will be removed by the hunter each day. Blind materials consisting of natural vegetation will not be allowed. Hunters must register at the Whalebone Junction Information Station at 4:30am to be assigned a hunt area at the 5:00am drawing.

JUMP SHOOTING

- Jump shooting of waterfowl shall be permitted only in the designated hunting areas for Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands and is prohibited within 300 yards of any temporary and/or permanent blinds.
- **Jump shooting of waterfowl is prohibited on Bodie Island.**

HUNTING VIOLATIONS

- Hunting areas are administered by the National Park Service with assistance and cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. All federal and state regulations are applicable and are enforced by National Park Rangers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Officers, and North Carolina Wildlife Officers. **Violations of National Park Service regulations carry a maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or six months imprisonment.**

HUNTING REGULATIONS

- Only waterfowl hunting is permitted within Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Only those species which are in season may be taken.
- It is the hunter's responsibility to know the species he/she is shooting!
- Nontoxic shot such as, steel, bismuth, tungsten, or other polymer type shot is required in all shotguns.

NO LEAD SHOT IS ALLOWED IN YOUR POSSESSION!

- Shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Hunting on Bodie Island Hunt Area will be from the assigned hunt area only.

NO JUMP SHOOTING

- Weapons must be unloaded when traveling to and from the hunting area.
- Hunters must occupy their assigned sites within 2 hours of the draw.
- Any departure from a site (other than for retrieving ducks) terminates hunting privileges on Bodie Island for the remainder of that day.
- Vacating parties from the hunt must formally check out and furnish information regarding their take at Whalebone Junction Information Station within one hour of leaving the hunt area. This information is used to monitor waterfowl populations, hunting success and to assure that hunters have safely returned from their hunts.
- All hunters taking banded waterfowl are required to either turn in the bands at Whalebone Junction Information Station or call the Bird Band Hotline to report the band number. 1-800-327-BAND
- Trained dogs are permitted for waterfowl retrieval. They must be leashed when going to and returning from the blinds. All dogs must be leashed elsewhere in the park.
- Each site shall be occupied by no more than two (2) hunters and one (1) observer (or guide).
- Only two shotguns able to hold no more than three (3) rounds each shall be permitted in each site.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any hunt sites on National Park Service

lands.

- Hunting with any measurable amounts of alcohol and/or Drugs in your system is prohibited.
- No illegal substances of any kind will be tolerated on any National Park Service lands.
- No "Sky Busting" or other unsafe and inconsiderate behavior will be tolerated.
- All sites must be left in a clean, sanitary, and undamaged condition. If you pack it in, please pack it out.
- Hunting with your hunting area will be a radius of **50 Feet** from designated post. It will be your responsibility to be aware of the distance.
- Same day set up and removal of hunting blinds/temporary structure is permitted in the designated hunting area.
- Hunters will not be allowed to bring in non-native or non-invasive species as cover or build and type of permanent structure.
- All permanent hunting blinds in the hunting area are closed to hunting. **Any hunter hunting outside of the designated area or from a blind will be cited and their hunting will be terminated.**
- Hazards exist in the hunting area, ensure that you maintain area awareness at all times.

2016-2017 Bag Limits, Shooting Hours, and Season dates for Waterfowl seasons occurring after September 30

BAG LIMITS

a) Conventional bag: Includes a total of 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 19), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.

b) Other limits:

- 1) Coots and Mergansers: 15 coots and 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers).
- 2) 25 light geese (Includes snow, blue & Ross' geese), no possession limit.
- 3) 5 Dark Geese (includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese): 5 in the Resident Hunt Zone, 5 in the Southern James Bay Hunt Zone, and 1 in the Northeast Hunt Zone.
- 4) 5 Sea Ducks (in special sea duck area only). In other areas, general bag limit applies. No more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders and 4 long-tail ducks per day may be taken in either the special sea duck season or the regular duck season.
- 5) Atlantic Brant: 1 bird daily.
- 6) Tundra Swan: 1 per season (with valid permit).

HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

SEASONS

Ducks, coots, mergansers	October 5-8, November 12 – December 3 and December 17 - January 28 [Black or mottled duck closed until Nov. 19]
Sea Ducks	November 21 - January 28 Ducks (In special sea duck area only)
Dark Geese (includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese)	Resident Population Hunt Zone: Oct. 5-15, Nov. 12 – Dec. 3 and Dec. 17 - Feb. 11 Southern James Bay Hunt Zone: Oct. 5-Nov 4 and Nov. 12 – Dec. 31. Northeast Hunt Zone: Jan. 13-Jan. 28 (By permit only)
Light Geese (includes, snow, blue, and Ross' geese)	Regular Season: October 11 – February 11 Conservation Order Season: February 13 – March 31 (By permit only) Electronic calls and unplugged guns are allowed. No bag or possession limits. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Brant	December 17 – January 28
Tundra Swan	November 12 - January 31 (1 per season by permit only)
Youth Water fowl Day (Includes coots, ducks, geese, brant, tundra swans and mergansers)	February 4 and February 11-Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth waterfowl days. The youth must have a valid permit to hunt tundra swans and Canada geese (NE Hunt Zone only)



